

**Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
June 4th, 2012 at 7p.m.
Municipal Building
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460**

Board Members present: Cynthia Hyde, John Stantz and Dean Bruce.

Also present: Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Town Attorney Richard Lorenz, Sewage Dept. Supt. Shelley Edwards, Street Dept. Supt., Larry Parrish, Michael Stanley, James Baughn

MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR May 21, 2012 REGULAR MEETING

Dean Bruce made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Jon Stantz and the motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES

The request for a petition submitted By Tom and Valarie Gillaspay for vacation of an alley for review by the Town Board was once more up for discussion. Again, after considerable discussion, the Board determined they needed more time to review the petition, and take it up at the next meeting.

George Ridgeway next presented an update to the Tivoli restoration project. They discussed various options for the alley and determined it could not be permanently closed, nor encroached upon by installing bollards. Mr. Ridgeway stated then, that the only solution would be to construct a concrete wall, which would cause them to lose four inches on the interior. He asked for permission to temporarily close the alley when they dig for the basement. The Board agreed to this, and Mr. Lorenz also pointed out, that The Tivoli could request temporary closure to the alley for special events. Mr. Ridgeway stated their intentions are to have the Tivoli open next year about this time.

Deb Jordan with the Owen County Preservations next discussed fund raising activities in conjunction with the restoration project. She requested use of Cooper Park on August 25th and 26th where they are planning a Riverfront Festival. Issues pertaining to electrical outlets and parking will still have to be worked out, according to Deb Jordan, who was just interested in approval for moving forward. The Board stated that they would like to first discuss with the Parks & Recs board before making a decision on this event. It was tabled until the next meeting.

Steven Toth requested a loading zone in front of his business, Cars-R-Us, on S. Main Street. He would like to have this next to the loading zone requested by Bobby Bandy earlier this year. The Council asked Larry Parrish to look into the best placement of this before a decision is made at the next meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Richard Foutch was not present. Cynthia Hyde updated the Board on Matt Miller's accident.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Superintendent Parrish updated the Board on the ADA project, playground equipment, and Christmas decorations.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

A pool adjustment for David Kelley, 541 N. Fletcher, in the amount of \$158.46 was requested. The request met the requirements.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the adjustment as presented, seconded by Jon Stantz and it passed 3-0.

Shelley Edwards next discussed a blockage on Garden Drive. Dean Bruce asked for more information on this repair before anything could be decided on how to proceed. The Board agreed to table it until the next meeting so Shelley could investigate further.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Building Advisory Board recommended that Bob Bandy be hired as the Inspector. Shelley said it was presented to the County Commissioners earlier in the day, and they approved the recommendation.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the recommendation of Bob Bandy as Building Inspector. The recommendation was seconded by Cynthia Hyde, and passed 2-1.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

No Update.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Richard Lorenz presented again the Resolution to Amend the Personnel Policy in relationship to Nepotism.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-02, A Resolution to Amend the Town of Spencer Personnel Policy, Section 105, Hiring of Relatives. The motion was seconded by Dean Bruce and passed 3-0.

Richard Lorenz then updated the issue regarding Circle Drive on Lovers Lane. He stated that this is an addition, and not a subdivision, therefore the common area is the town’s responsibility to maintain.

Richard Lorenz updated the Board in regards to the White property. He requested that the board allow him to set aside the sheriff’s sale of the property.

Cynthia Hyde made a motion to allow Mr. Lorenz to set aside the sale of the White property in the sheriff’s sale. The motion was seconded by Jon Stantz, and passed 3-0.

Mr. Lorenz recommended that an Executive Session to discuss personnel issues be set up. They agreed to hold the meeting on June 18th, at 6:00p.m. before the next regular meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Cynthia asked that she be informed of when the 30 year employee recognition would take place so she could provide a cake and plates. The Clerk-Treasurer told her she would do so, when the plaques had been ordered.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Jon Stantz made a motion to accept the claims as presented. The motion was seconded by Cynthia Hyde, and passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Jon Stantz motioned to adjourn at 9:25 p.m. seconded by Dean Bruce and the motion passed 3-0.

Cynthia Hyde, President

Jon Stantz, Vice-President

Dean Bruce, Board Member

Attest:_____
Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer